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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/125,452 filed on August 19,
1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

KAJIURA, Yoshio; KUSAKABE, Tetsuya; and ISSHIKI, Nobuyuki
for

NON-AQUEOUS ELECTROLYTE SECONDARY BATTERY

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).
2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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		LARGE ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	
BASIC FEE		\$710.00		\$355.00	
NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		RATE FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS		2-20 = 0		x 18 = \$0.00	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS		1-3 = 0		x 80 = \$0.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$270.00		+ \$135.00
		TOTAL		\$710.00	
				\$0.00	

3. A check in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/125,452, filed on August 19, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of Application No. 8-343166 filed in JAPAN on December 24, 1996 under 35 U.S.C. § 119. --
- b. --This application is a continuation divisional continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 09/125,452, filed on August 19, 1998 and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. 09/125,452 is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/____/____ filed on ____ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119. --

6. Enclosed is/are two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/125,452 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 7b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. The prior application is assigned to Kao Corporation.
9. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.
- 10b. Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. Address all future communications to:

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13. An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/125,452 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

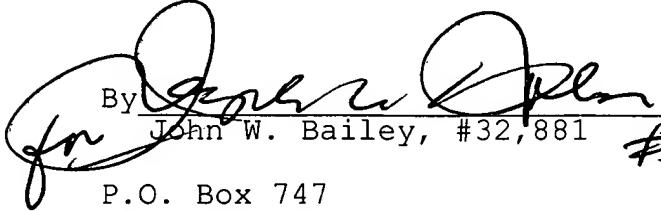
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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